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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	Board of Examiners in Optometry
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Blvd., Dover, Delaware Conference Room A , Second floor Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED:	June 7, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Carl Maschauer, Professional Member, President
Dr. Bryan Sterling, Professional Member
Prameela Kaza, Public Member
Ruth Banta, Public Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Charles Simon, Professional Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Eileen Heeney, Deputy Attorney General via telephone
Nancy Fields, Administrative Specialist II

OTHERS PRESENT

None

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Maschauer called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the January 27, 2010 meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Banta, seconded by Ms. Kaza, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Completion of Internship

The Board reviewed the letter from the supervising doctors verifying completion of Dr. Aparna Karnik's 6-month internship.

After review, a motion was made by Dr. Sterling, seconded by Ms. Kaza, to approve Dr. Karnik's application for a Therapeutic Optometrist license. The motion unanimously carried.

Review of Applications by Internship

The Board reviewed the application for Dr. Erin McConnell.

After review, a motion was made by Ms. Banta, seconded by Ms. Kaza, to approve Dr. McConnell to begin her 6-month internship. The motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the application for Dr. Katherine Shuell.

After review, a motion was made by Ms. Kaza, seconded by Dr. Sterling, to approve Dr. Shuell to begin her 6-month internship contingent upon the Board office receiving her CPR card. The motion unanimously carried.

Continuing Education Requests

The Board reviewed and approved the following continuing education credits:

Eye Care of Delaware

Medical and Legal Issues for the Practicing Optometric Physician, 2 hours, 3/25/10

Delaware Optometric Association

Updates on ARMD, Macular Holes, Puckers, and Retinal Detachments, 1 hr., 5/26/10

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board received a request for clarification of state law for Optometrists from Tegan Neal, Legislative Policy Analyst with the Legislation and Professional Regulation in Canada. The Board answered the questions and Ms. Fields will send a reply to the inquiry.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (for discussion only)

Dr. Maschauer stated that there is a dissention happening in the Optometric profession and with the American Board of Optometry regarding board certification. Laws were recently passed. The first concern is public awareness and the second concern is regarding offering an online state law exam. The Board has not made any determination and will discuss further at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at 4:30 p.m; however, due to testing results release dates, the Board considered meeting June 9, 2010 instead of May 26th. Ms. Fields will check to see if a Conference Room is available.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Dr. Maschauer, seconded by Ms. Kaza, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy L. Fields". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nancy Fields
Administrative Specialist II